c H A P. executed and acknowledged, but was not recorded in time; which facts appearing to this general assembly to be true: Therefore,

Deed to be enrolled, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Edward Lloyd, Esquire, the said petitioner, shall be and is hereby enabled and empowered to have the said deed, from the same James and Blaney Edmondson to the said Edward Lloyd, Esquire, deceased, bearing date the fourth day of December seventeen hundred and sifty-sive, for the aforesaid tract of land called Addition, containing two hundred acres of land, in Talbot county aforesaid, now enrolled in the county court of Talbot, or in the general court of the eastern shore, provided the said deed be enrolled at any time within six months after the expiration of this session of assembly.

To be valid, &c.

III. And he it enamed, That the said deed, when so recorded, shall be as sufficient and valid to pass the lands and premises therein mentioned, as if the same had been recorded within six months after the acknowledgment thereof, any law, usage, or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding. Saving to every person or persons their several and respective rights, who may have fairly and honestly, without any notice or knowledge of the said deed, purchased the land therein mentioned, or before the said deed is recorded may fairly and honestly purchase the same.

## C H A P. XXIII.

An ACT to authorise the delegates of this state in congress to consent to an alteration in the eighth of the articles of the consederation, and in its place to subscribe and ratify another.

Preamble.

HEREAS it has been recommended by congress to the several states in the union, to authorise their respective delegates to subscribe and ratify an alteration in the eighth of the articles of confederation and perpetual union, and this general assembly have thought proper to comply with the said recommendation of congress,

Part of 8th article re-

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That so much of the eighth of the articles of confederation and perpetual union, between the thirteen states of America, as is contained in the words following, to wit: "All charges of war, and all other expences that shall be incurred for the common desence or general welfare, and allowed by the United States in Congress assembled, shall be desrayed out of a common treasury, which shall be supplied by the several states, in proportion to the value of all land within each state, granted to or surveyed for any person, as such land and the buildings and improvements thereon, shall be estimated according to such mode as the United States in Congress assembled shall from time to time direct and appoint," shall be and the same is hereby revoked and made void, so far as the same extended to this state.

Delegates to subscribe, &c.

III. And he it enaced, That it shall and may be lawful for the delegates representing this state in the congress of the United States, and they are hereby required to subscribe and ratify the following as part of the said instrument of union, and in place of the part revoked and made void as aforesaid, to wit: "That all charges of war, and all other expences that have been or shall be incurred for the common defence or general welfare, and allowed by the United States in Congress assembled, except so far as shall be otherwise provided for, shall be defrayed out of a common treasury, which shall be supplied by the several states, in proportion to the whole number of white and other free citizens and inhabitants of every age, sex, and condition, including those bound to servitude for a